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With favor the first guarantee that comes,
Of fair play, freedom, peace and happy homes!

"Ah gentlemen! This is a happy session!
Come, Mississippi, Kansas and Kentucky,
Now speak up! Give us lively competition;
The buyer of this labor will be lucky!
Bid sharp! This is the crisis of your fate,
For work is wealth and underlies the State"

KENTUCKY;

"I bid—a home for every pickaninny
Whose dad or mam'll earn it by their workin';
O, fer the times we had in Ole Virginny
When nigs was nigs an' white folks did the shirk'n
I'm good at shirkin', an' I can't agree
That any nigger is ez good ez me!"

UNCLE SAM:

"You hear the bid—who goes a trifle better?
Who guarantees the ballot? Who proposes
To have the spelling book replace the fetter,
And wreathe this rugged auction-block with roses
Who offers to protect the rights of men,
And turn the slave into the citizen?"

MISSISSIPPI:

"I'll make 'em free! The mandate of the Maker!
Men serve themselves the best, it stands to reason
And land that's worth $5 by the acre
I'll rent 'em for $10 by the season.
I'll let 'em vote. If rifle clubs use force
And say they sha'n't, why, then they can't, of course."

UNCLE SAM:

"Too late by far! You promise no protection!
You make them free—but merely free to suffer;
A voice rings hither from another section;
'Your bid is beaten by a better offer!
Now raise it, Mississippi, or you are flat:
I hear a dozen bids as good as that!'"

KANSAS:

"I bid!—A home for every man and woman,
A school for every child:—a field to labor;
The guarantee to every right that's human;
Respect that sees in every man a neighbor;
The richest soil a farmer ever saw
And equal rights for all before the law!"

UNCLE SAM:

"Do I hear more! This is a happy session:
Come, rally, Mississippi and Kentucky!
One! Two! Now going! Is there competition?
Just going! O, the buyer will be lucky!
Going! From where the torrid fervor tans us—
Last call! A-going!—going!—gone!—to Kansas!"

BISHOP HOLLY IN WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

Among the most interesting features of the gathering of the Bishops of the Angelican Communion in London, was the presence of the Bishop of Hayti, an African, born in the United States and consecrated in Grace Church, in New York, in 1874. Bishop James Theodore Holly (for such is his name), the present Bishop of Hayti, is a man of excellent gifts and of a genuine missionary spirit. He received an especially cordial welcome on his appearance among the English and American Bishops at Lambeth, and he won the respect and the esteem of all who came to know him. While in London Dean Stanley invited him to preach in Westminster Abbey on St. James' Day, and his sermon, founded on the request of the mother of James that her two sons might sit respectively on the right and left of Christ in his kingdom, ended with the following noble and touching prayer:

"And now on the shores of old England, the cradle of that Anglo-Saxon Christianity by which I have been in part at least illuminated, standing beneath the vaulted roof of this monumental pile, redolent with the piety of bygone generations during so many ages; in the presence of the

'Storied urn and animated bust,'

that hold the sacred ashes and commemorate the buried grandeur of so many illustrious personages, I catch a fresh inspiration and new impulse of the Divine Missionary spirit of our Christianity; and here in the presence of God, of angels and of men, on this sacred day, His blessed name was called over me at baptism, and as I lift up my voice for the first and perhaps last time in England's sainted shrines, I dedicate myself anew to the work of God, of the Gospel of Christ, and of the salvation of my fellow men, in the far-distant isle in the Carribean sea that has become the chosen field of my labors.

"O thou Saviour, Christ, Son of the living God, who when Thou wast spurned by the Jews of the race of Shem, and who, when delivered up without cause by the Romans of the race of Japheth, on the ignominious crucifixion, hadst Thy ponderous cross borne to Golgotha's summit on the stalwart shoulders of Simon of Cyrene, of the race of Ham, I pray Thee, precious Saviour, remember that forlorn, despised and rejected race, whose son thus bore thy cross, when Thou shalt come in the power and majesty of thy eternal kingdom to distribute Thy crowns of everlasting glory!

"And give to me, then, not a place at Thy right hand, or at thy left, but only the place of a gate-keeper at the entrance of the holy city, the new Jerusalem, that I may behold my redeemed brethren, the saved of the Lord, entering therein to be partakers with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, of all Thy glorious and everlasting kingdom."

Bishop Holly was born in Washington, and is well known by many of its residents.

THE WESTERN EXODUS.

It is right. Let it go on till the miserable bulldozers of the South shall learn to appreciate their absolute helplessness without the brawn of the Negro. This is the exodus we endorse, if exodus there must be; and it is impossible to read the *Tribune* accounts elsewhere given, and not conclude that some such thing is a real necessity. The exodus of our Charleston folks had Africa for its objective point. The Windom exodus had *one spot* somewhere in the great West where the whole colored class would eventually be brought to settle for its objective point. To both these we were set in our opposition as we would be set in opposition to seeing the poor and inexperienced of any class huddled together. The present exodus, however, unlike the two mentioned above, has every point of the great North and West as its objective points, scattering the hundreds and thousands, and we trust even millions all through these enlightened and on the whole, Christian sections of our country. We say again, it is right. Let it go on. Great suffering will doubtless ensue. But it is the kind of suffering that is sustained with the prospect of future good. The region from which they come is warm, that to which they go is cold. This feature alone will increase the suffering of the change. But, there is naught to do but grit the teeth and push ahead. A cheerful fact is, there are already thousands of our people scattered in all these regions. In the larger cities of Northern Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska we have large and flourishing congregations well attended and ably ministered. These can and will bestir themselves for these fleeing exiles. —*Christian Recorder*.

Perhaps when the planters of Mississippi and Louisiana look over their broad fields and see withered crops and the barrenness of everything which the willing hand of labor has heretofore caused to bloom and blossom, and from which their wealth has come, they may reflect on their own neglect of duty as citizens and Christian men, and regret that they failed to rebuke and punish those who, by midnight assassinations and shameless murders, have driven from the State the best laborers in the world, whose departure must be followed by ruin and distress to commercial and business interests. The retribution, great as it is, is not adequate to the injury.

Unless the South changes her policy and allows every man to exercise his political rights as he see fit, unless it protects the property and the persons of colored men better than it has done, unless the law is administered more impartially than it now is, and unless liberty and security are fully guaranteed to Negroes, this begira will not stop at the Mississippi, but flow onward to the Potomac.—*Va. Star.*

SIGNIFICANT FIGURES.

The total mortality in the District of Columbia for the month of Month 1879, was 377, 180 white and 197 colored, that of the white was at the rate of 20.377 per 1.000 per annum, while that of the colored was at the rate of 43.777 per 1.000 per annum. During the same time the births reported were 303 87 white males, 78 white females, 63 colored males, 75 colored females, showing a decrease of the population by excess of deaths the over births of 74, the white population decreasing by 15, and the colored by 59.

—$50,000 have been given to Fisk University by a wealthy citizen of Massachusetts.

—Oranges have not for many years, been so plentiful as they were a few weeks ago. It is said that the Valencia crop alone has been 2,000,000 cases, or 800,000,000 oranges, while the crop in Florida has been unusually large.

—Thirty years ago there was not a single woman-doctor in the country. Now there are over five hundred.

—There are three medical colleges exclusively or women, and four men's colleges where women are admitted.

—The Colored Agricultural Association of North Carolina proposes to hold a State fair sometime next fall. It is worthy of special notice by our agricultural friends. Let the colored farmers and mechanics of North Carolina bend their energies toward making the fair a great success. Here is far more profitable field for the employment of our thoughts and energies than migration "an' all sich."—*A. A. P.*

"SAMBO, yo' young scapegoat, shuffle' long hyar, an' 'lemme see how you's fillen' up.

"Who war de fus' gemman?" "Dunno."

"Who war de fus' shemale?" "Dunno."

"Wha' wus yer fus' fadder's bufplace?" "Dunno."

"Whar yo' gwan fotch up when yo' froo breavin?" "Dunno."

"Law sakes, chile! wha' does ye know?"

"I knows 'nuff not ter meddle wid idees dat I aint 'quainted wid; dat's my mezure, ole man!"—*Yonkers Gazette.*

Benj. Butler worked at chair-making to pay his college dues, earning, perhaps thirty-cents a day.

Mrs. Matilda Bass is cultivating one hundred and twenty acres of ground near Hendersonville Tenn. Mrs. Bass is a colored lady.

Young people manifest their vitiated taste by the chewing and smoking tobacco as well as by drinking intoxicating liquors.

"Remember that the suffering of those less fortunate might have been yours had you been placed in different circumstances, and that they, under different environments, might have become as you now are."

Going to church, sitting in luxurious pews, and listing to elequent preaching and ravishing music, is not all of Christianduty, as many seem to suppose. There was a command to the disciples to go and to do, as well as to pray. Going into the highways, and by-ways, and doing mission service to the poor and neglected, is a higher duty than to listen and enjoy.

We have often wondered why many men who are guilty of the grossest immorality should be allowed to roam at large as the first fruits of society, while their poor, helpless and often faultless victims are crushed to the earth and regarded as unworthy of common respect. —*Ex.*

WAR'S SACRIFICE.—The *Gazette de St. Petersburg*, apropos of the cost of the recent campaigns, makes some calculations of the cost in blood and treasure of the wars of the last twenty-five years. In the Crimean war, 750.000 lives were sacrificed; in the Italian war of 1859, 45.000; in the Schleswig-Holstein war 3,000; in the Prusso-Austrian war of 1866, 45,000; in the ill-starred Mexican campaign. 65, 000; in the Franco-Prussian war, 215, 000—makin8 a total of 1, 148,000, besides 800,000 in our own great war.

Rev. J. P. Newman, D. D., in a recent New York sermon said; that of the 150,000 Chinese on the Pacific slope, 60,000 were in California, and add to the annual revenue of that State $15,000,000 in custom duties, rents, taxes, etc. By their labors in constructing public works they have increased the value of the property of the State $290,000,000 and have thus provided for the employment of 500,000 white men.—*Ex.*

A ship sailed from Boston, the other day, with eight thousand gallons of rum on board, and one hundred missionary.

"A slim proportion of missionary," says some one. The levil does business on a larger scale than do the missionary boards.

The Chinese invented paper about the year 95 of our era, by pounding bamboo in a mortar until it became a thin paste, which, being spread out on a flat surface, was dried into paper. The Tartars borrowed the art from the Chinese, and substituted cotton for bamboo. The Arabs or Scythians learned the art from the Tartars, and in their turn substituted linen for cotton.—*Dr. Spear.*

The only job Printing office in the city in which colored journeymen are employed is that of the Enterprise Publishing Company, Room 24 May Building, 7th and *E* streets n.w.

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The following topics have been agreed upon by the executive committee to be discussed at the approaching convention at Nashville in May next.

The gentlemen indicated have agreed to open up the discussions by the preparation of papers.

1.—Migration.—Rev. J. C. Embry, Kas.
2.—The sanitary condition of the colored people.—Dr A. T. Augusta, D. C.
3.—Beneficial associations, the expediency of consolidating them.—J. D. Bowser.
4.—Relation of the Negro to the labor question.—Prof. R. T. Greener.
5.—The present political status of the Negro.—J. C. Corbin, Ark.
6.—The necessity of a National Review devoted to the interests of the Negro-American.—Wm. Stewart, N. J.
7.—The moral and social condition of the Negro.—Bishop W. H. Miles.
8.—The opportunity and capabilities for educated Negroes..—Wm. Still, N. J.
9.—How shall we promote race unity, and what are the elements which now retard it.—F. L. Barnett, Ill.
10.—The necessity of agitating the question of the civil rights of the Negro, until they are fully secured.
11.—The necessity of Lyceums for the literary advancement of the Negro.
12.—Theory and practice of American Christianity.—Rev. B. T. Tanner.
13.—The necessity of technical and industrial education among our youth.—J. W. cromwell.
14.—The duty of assisting our youth of both sexes in attaining higher and special education.—Inman E. Page, Mo.
15.—Necessity of the cultivation of commerce.—R. H. Cain.
16.—Agriculture and its relation to the Negro race.—Hon. J. R. Lynch, Miss.
17.—Are the laws administered with justice to the Negro?
18.—Influence of Woman.

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—*The* NATIONAL CONFERENCE *of Colored Men will be held at* NASHVILLE, TENNESEE, *Tuesday, May* 6, 1879.

Papers friendly to the above, please keep the above at the head of their columns.

John Brown's body still marches on.

We notice with pleasure the movement to open an Industrial Fair by the colored people of North Carolina, next fall.

Read Mr. Napier's letter. He is no enthusiast and for that reason his utterances have significance.

Meetings in favor of assisting the refugees have been held by the colored people in Philadelphia, Boston, New York and Cincinnati. What are the people of Washington waiting for?

The Louisville & Cincinnati Short Line will sell round trip tickets from Cincinnati to Louisville, to delegates to the convention for five dollars. Tickets will be on sale May 4th and 5th and be good until May 13.

The fight on the Army bill in the Senate helps to draw the lines closely between friends and foes of the Union. Senator Blaine's was a most brilliant and vigorous effort, and Logan's was bold and out-spoken.

This issue commences our fourth volume. Elsewhere will be found additional inducements held out to subscribers. At this rate we cannot afford to carry any dead weight, so with this issue we cut off scores of delinquent subscribers.

At the meeting held at the Maryland Institute, Tuesday night, Mr. Isaac Myers produced a copy of Benjamin Banneker's Almanac published in 1792. It was found among some debris in an old house in Maryland. It is under advisement to have fac similes printed and sold at a popular figure.

In our is issue of April 5th, we put the Editor of the NATIONAL MONITOR in a false position, so he informs us. We were led to our conclusions from the sarcastic manner with which we conceived he regarded the "National" character of our Conference and our plan of selecting gentlemen to attend it. Since he assures us that he is in full sympathy with the movement, we stand ready to take it all back; but we ask that he exert himself to be present; we need more than his sympathy, the cause demands his presence, if it be a possibility, to aid as in our councils and conclusions.

The subscription price of the ADVOCATE on and after this date is reduced to $1.50 per annum, payable in advance, $1.00 for six months. When the money is not sent with the order, the old price is charged and the benefit of this reduction is not given Old subscribers, whose subscriptions expire on and after this date, can renew by remitting $1.50. Money can be sent either by postal money order or in registered letter. Agents take notice!

Certainly the world moves—Maryland Institute, Baltimore, was literally packed Tuesday night with a colored audience, the first instance of the use of the hall by this race. The occasion was the G. U. O. of Odd-Fellow's reunion. Isaac Myers, Master of Ceremonies, was introduced by Mr. Joseph A. Young, chairman of the Executive Committee. Speeches were delivered by Hons. J. H. Rainey, R. H. Cain, J. W. Cromwell, Prof. R. T. Greener and Rev. A. M. Green. It is declared to have been the most successful public meeting of the kind, ever held in Maryland and the speeches, the most pointed and appropriate delivered. It furnishes the basis of a very sensible editorial in the Morning Herald.

THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW.

MAY 1879.

I. Our Election Laws, Secretary G. W. McCrary. II. Campaign Notes in Turkey, 1877-78, Lt. F. V. Greene. III. German Socialism in America, part 2. IV. Absent Friends, Rev. O. B. Frothingham. V. A Plea for Sport, Lloyd S. Bryce. VI. Notes on Recent Progress in Applied Science, President Morton. VII. Law and Design in Nature, Prof. Inmen Newcumb, President, Noah Porter, Rev. Joseph Cook, James Freeman Clarke, D. D., President, Jas. Mc cosh. D. APPLETON & co NEW YORK. Terms, Five Dollars per year. Single Number, Fifty cents.

COMING TO THEIR SENSES.

We notice that the planters of the Mississippi Valley purpose holding a convention at Vickeburg, May 5, "to consider the labor question under the present aspect of affairs, and take measures to allay the excitement, or at least such measures as will enable them to supply the place of these laborers who have gone or may hereafter go to the Western States."

This is rather significant. Those who think the movement was simply local or sporadic, from this can perceive what the planters think of it. If this convention is earnest and wise enough to adopt the only practicable means to prevent it, it will be one of the most sensible gatherings of the Southern white people since the war. There is no disguising the fact that, not in land agents, not in the attractions for a colder though more invigorating climate, but in the action of the planters themselves must the causes for the exodus be found.

If the planters want to allay the excitement, they must put down bull-dozing; rent lands at living rates; sell small homesteads to the Negro, and not charge him three prices for the most ordinary articles; thereby will that unrest, which now characterizes that section and threatens to strip it of its valuable labor, give way to that mutual confidence which must stand as the foundation stone of all social progress.

They may pass as many resolutions as they choose, but unless they learn to deal with the Negro as a free man and equal citizen, all their efforts will come to naught. Talk about replacing his labor with the Chinese—bah! Have they forgotten the record of the Democracy on the Chinese Question last winter? It's all fudge.

One thing and one only, can stop the march of the refugees, and that is by dealing justly with them.

The great North is arousing now, men who have kept in the back ground are coming to the front. Organizations are being perfected, the purse strings of many a philanthropist are being loosed. With these influences coalesced, neither resolutions nor picket guards at steamboat landings can avail against the fleeing refugee's onward march.

If the southwest is wise they will choose the mildest alternative, for if they continue to sow to the wind they will reap the whirlwind.

LIPPINCOTT'S MAGAZINE.

LIPPINCOTT'S MAGAZINE for May opens with a brilliantly written and finely illustrated paper, by Mrs. Sarah Butler Winter, "Why do we like Paris?" In another illustrated paper—"From Norway to York"—H. M. Robinson describes graphically canoe travel and transportation in the territory of the Hudson Bay Company. "The Tramp in Four Centuries" is a close but somewhat enigmatical study of a class which is here shown to have made its appearance on every occasion of social and financial revolution. "My Hero" gives a very striking account of the career of General Paez, "the first lance in the world." Miss Annie Portor continues her graphic sketches of "Village Life in Louisiana;" Nathan Clifford Brown describes "Beach Birds," giving special attention to such as are rarest and least known; and Mrs. Hooper has an interesting account of Cardinal Richslieu's first and only appearance as a dramatic author and stage manager. The serial and short stories are of the usual excellence; bnt many readers will find nothing of entertaining as the "Gossip," which is full of bright and amusing talk, chiefly on "society topics," including a witty little dialogue on "Proposals of Marriage."

NORFOLK NOTES.

In the face of more than three hundred thousand mulattoes; in the eyes of at least a hundred thousand born since Mr. Lincoln's emancipation proclamation was issued; in utter disrespect to the God-given rights of the five hundred thousand Negroes in Virginia, a Negro gentleman has been found guilty of the crime of marrying a white woman by an entire white jury, and both of them sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. Great God, is this the unstrained justice tempered with mercy which Virginia boasts of under Democratic rule; and dare such a party ask Negroes to vote for its nominees and they of this stripe? Yes, they dare, these people dare do even more, they have the effrontery to go into Supreme Court of these United States and argue that the great War amendments to the Federal Constitution are meaningless and void and have conferred no rights upon the Negro.

Virginia has more to boast of than being the mother of States and statesmen, she is parent of the law regulating the sale of white women and tobacco, which legalized pairing of human beings, the whipping of white girls; her women toil on the highway and in public parks as convicts and become mothers in her prisons and asylums; her sons fearing the law of entailment, repeal the bastardy act, rob orphans and imprison man and woman for marrying. Alas! Ethiopia has stretched forth her hand unto God, and He may bless her with a Christian home in the West where ignorance and immorality will not be legalized or tolerated. Thousands of white men live in open concubinage with ignorant Negro women; the embrace of the "yaller wench" is sought by judge and jury; the white men loiter about Negro churches to spy out the beautiful and chaste and like hounds after scenting a gazelle follow them under cover to their homes and insult them. Had the jury applied to its moral, "no human conscience," the charge our Lord and Savior to the accusers, "let him that is without fault throw the first stone," doubtless their verdict would have been tempered with justice. God save the Commonwealth!

The barbers have organized an association for mutual aid and protection. Mr. Jacob Riddick was elected chairman and Samuel Johnson, secretary.

Some three hundred or more Negroes in Princess Anne County have expressed their desire to go west, and are only waiting an opportunity to do so. They are some of the very best farm hands in this section of the State. For years they have supplied not only our own market with its principal and choice products, but much of the truck shipped to the North. Should they succeed in getting away farmers at the west will find them to be excellent laborers. Perhaps The National Emigration Aid Society can help them.

THE CONFERENCE.

THE INTEREST CENTERED IN IT—A LETTER FROM MR. J. C. NAPIER.

No little interest is manifested on the part of all classes of our citizens in the approaching "conference of colored men," which is to be held on the 6th of May next. On almost every street corner we are met by such queries as: "What are the prospects of the conference?" What are its objects?" "Do you expect a large attendance, &c., &c., ?" To all these questions we only answer that our newspapers and the 6th of next month will explain all.

I will say here, however, that from the many letters which I have received from persons who expect to be in attendance, I am led to believe that the conference will be an unparallelled success in point of numbers; and in point of intellect, it is my opinion that it will surpass any assembly of the kind ever held by the colored people in this country.

All seem to be fully aroused to a sense of the importance of a wise council among our representative men at this time; and every Negro in the South will watch its deliberations with the greatest interest, hoping that, if no immediate remedy can be found for their grievances, the conference will, at least, let the entire civilized world know that these grievances and wrongs exist.

A great deal will be expected of this conference, and I firmly believe that the masses of our people are preparing to adjust themselves to its recommendations. It is, therefore, to be hoped that each member, with no selfish end in view, will come prepared to take such action as will redound to the benefit of our entire people.

The Hall of Representatives in the State Capitol has been secured for the meetings of the Conference. It is spacious, well ventilated and admirably arranged for the use which the conference will desire to make of it. The tender of this hall to the conference by the Tennessee Legislature was a very magnanimous act on their part, and should be duly appreciated by all concerned.

All railroads leading into this city have agreed to furnish tranportation to all attending the conference at reduced rates. The people of Nashville are sparing no pains in their preparations to make the stay of every member of the conference pleasant and agreeable. When they leave us we hope that no one will have reason to complain of Nashville's hospitality.

Nashville, Tenn., *April* 14, 1879.

The following topics have been agreed upon by the executive committee to be discussed at the approaching convention at Nashville in May next.

The gentlemen indicated have agreed to open up the discussions by the preparation of papers.

1.—Migration.—Rev. J. C. Embry, KAS.

2.—The sanitary condition of the colored people.—Dr A. T. Augusta, D. C.

3.—Beneficial associations, the expediency of consolidating them.—J. D. Bowser,

4.—Relation of the Negro to the labor question.—Prof. R. T. Greener.

5.—The present political status of the Negro.—J. C. Corbin, Ark.

6.—The necessity of a National Review devoted to the interests of the Negro-American.—Wm. Stewart, N. J.

7.—The moral and social condition of the Negro.—Bishop W. H. Miles.

8.—The opportunity and capabilities for educated Negroes..—Wm. Still, N. J.

9.—How shall we promote race unity, and what are the elements which now retard it.—F. L. Barnett, Ill.

10.—The necessity of agitating the question of the civil rights of the Negro, until they are fully secured.

11.—The necessity of Lyceums for the literary advancement of the Negro.

12.—Theory and practice of American Christianity.—Rev. B. T. Tanner.

13.—The necessity of technical and industrial education among our youth.—J. W. cromwell.

14.—The duty of assisting our youth of both sexes in attaining higher and special education.—Inman E. Page, Mo.

15.—Necessity of the cultivation of commerce.—R. H. Cain.

16.—Agriculture and its relation to the Negro race.—Hon. J. R. Lynch, Miss.

17.—Are the laws administered with justice to the Negro?

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—The singing at St. Mary's was complimented last Sunday.

—Intesting exercises at Pioneer to-morrow afternoon.

—The A. M. E. annual Conference will meet in this city early in May.

—The reception of "Danny" Murray last Wednesday evening proved socially an enjoyable affair.

—The St. Lukes P. E. Church, will be ready for occupation within a short time.

—Daniel W. Lewis Esq. of this city has been elected president of the Young Men's Literary Debating Society of Herndon, Va.

—The same interest is being manifested in the revivals during the past week, as has been shown for the past month.

—At the hearing at the Supreme Court last Monday the Judge Rives Case was at the request of the Chief Justice postponed until the fall term of court.

The Shiloh concert came off Tuesday night As our reporter was not honored with a pass he would have to draw his imagination, for a description. In this season of religious fervor he positively declines to do this.

—With the advent of the season, the Young Men's Potomac Social Club, mindful of the public's desires, has arranged to give their Grand May Sociable at Bethel Hall Tuesday evening, May 6,. They deserve the generous patronage of the public.

—With the death of Rev. J. H. W. Burley late financial agent of the A. M. E. Church one of its ablest men, has passed away. As a pulpit orator, he towered far above his contemporaries. He was a native of Maryland, graduate of Wilberforce and studied theology in New England.

—The Dry Goods Party for the benefit of the Banneker Industrial Association, Tuesday night, was a success. Over a hundred yards of material was contributed. These parties will continue monthly.

—The Young Men's Memorial Christian Association will hold their first public prayer meeting Saturday evening 19th inst., at Bethel Hall.

—"Wolsey Hall has gone and done it."

"Done what?"

"Got married?"

"Got married, whom to?"

Miss Matilda Matthews, of course?"

"Well, did you ever?"

"Hardly ever?"

—The Sinking Fund Assembly of Asbury M. E. Church have elected the following Officers for the ensuing quarter: Pres. J. W. Gray; Vice Pres. Martin Franklin; Sect'y. Miss. H, Grant Corr. Sect'y. R. C. Powell Tres. Rev. E. M. S. Peck; Chaplain Rev. H. Brooks Librarian Mrs. F. Ware.

—Gentlemen intending to visit the National Conference from the District of Columbia, Maryland, Eastern Virginia, Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey *whether they have previously* done *so or not* will please notify the undersigned at once, by postal card. By going in a body, say from Washington, they will get the benefit of reduced rates. As at present advised, the round trip can be made from this point for $40.00, *first class* fare, which is $10 less than regular rates.

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—At St. Paul's Chapel, South Washington Sunday last, the pastor, Rev. Daniel Draper, preached a very interesting and appropriate Easter sermon upon the "Resurrection of Christ." A large congregation was present and the effect produced by the sermon was the most intense of any which have been seen there for a long time past. Next Sunday will be the fourth quarterly meeting; and a good time is generally expected as Rev. Robert Wayman, of Ebenezer Church, Georgetown will preach at 11 a. m., Rev. G. W. Brodie. of Union Bethel at 3 p. m., and Rev. Jos. Nichols, of Pisgah at 7:30 p. m. Reader go down and hear them, and go early to *get a good seat.*

—The Union Bethel A. M. E. Sunday School has elected the following officers for the ensuing year; male superintendent, Wm. Peel; female superintendent, Miss Jerusha Tilghman; secretary Wm. A. Thomas; assistant secretary, Miss Anna Geary; librarian, Phillip Malvin; assistant librarian, Miss Fannie Mc. Coy; chorister, John W. Baily; assistant chorister, Hamilton Turly; organist, Miss Smith.

—Last Thursday noon at recess time, a poor student, a book agent, well known to us, entered the Anthony. Bowen school building to fill an order by Miss M. A. Bailey, teacher of school No. 2 in that building, who declined to receive the book but did a very handsome thing for the young man in an unostentateous way, by *giving* him the full amount which he changed for it. (by the way, the book is puite expensive, too.) True, and practical philanthropy.

—Last Sunday afternoon Zion Wesley, A. M. E. Zion, held their 39th anniversary. The visiting schools were Israel C. M. E.,Zion Baptist, First Baptist south west, and Pioneer, Hillsdale. The report for the year was read by the Secretary, essays were read by Misses A. T. Bowen, and addresses by Rev. St Clair, W. C. Costen, S. G. Brown, and J. W. Cromwell.

—The "Ladies Guild" of St. Luke's church have been conducting during the past week with much success a Bazaar, in the Freedman's Bank building, a large number of useful house-hold articles and fancy goods were disposed of. The dining room under the direction of Mr. Henry Jonnson was admirably arranged and formed one of the chief features of the entertainment. Mrs. Henry Johnson, president; Mrs. Chris. A. Fleetwood, secretary; Mrs. Jno. F. Cook, cashier; and Miss Ada Bozeman, treasurer, assisted by the Mrs. Spencer, Iredell, Peck, Randolph, Jackson, Quonn, Howard, Johnson, Richardson, Cox, Bean, Minor, Upsher, Montague, Harris, Shepherd, White, Nugent, James, Jones, and Misses Sears, Robinson, Lavinia Lewis, Margie and Bell Smith, Mamie Thomas, Anna Smith, Susie Lewis, Miss Howlet, Laura Shepherd, Mamie Harris, the Misses Bozeman, Louise and Emma Smith.

Hymen's Freaks.

Wednesday evening 9th. inst. at the residence of the bride's parents, 1526 M street, Miss Ida Lawrence was married to Mr. Fred. Moore by the Rev. Jesse Boulden of the 19th Street Baptist Church. Mr. J. E. Jones and "Mattie" Lawrence, (sister of the bride) stood with the contracting parties. This young and highly esteemed couple never looked happier than whilst receiving the hearty congratulations of many friends. Both the bride and groom were the recipient of many valuable and useful presents. A reception was held from 7 until 11 o'clock. We extend our hearty congratulations to this young couple, sincerely wishing them a long life, and joyous one.

Easter Sunday, Asbury M. E. Church.

The Sunday school held its Quarterly Review on April 13th, 1879, in Asbury M. E. Church, at which time, Mrs. F. E. W. Harper, after a short address, recited an Easter poem, in her usual pleasant manner for the edification of the little ones. The pastor, E. W. S. Peck, addressed the Sunday school in the morning after the exercises in a few but well chosen remarks. The singing on this occasion by the school reflects great credit on its instructors. At 11 a. m., the pastor preached from the text, 1st Corinthians, 12th to the 20th verse inclusive. The church was becomingly decorated with floral offerings from its members The decoration committee deserves praise for its successful offering. It is proper to remark that the superintendent, W. H. Clark and his able assistant, John W. Gray, have been indefatigable in their endeavors to push the cause of the school and certainly should receive special commendation.

"Pizarro" Will Appear.

Mr. EDITOR:

Much speculation has been indulged in, as to the probable success of the tragedy of "Pizarro" and whether or not it will be presented.

From the positive assurance of our instructor, the tragedy of "Pizarro" will make its appearance on or about the 6th. 7th. and 8th. of next Month, the full particulars of which will be published in the daily and weekly papers. I desire to state further that the interest manifested on the part of our manager Mr. W. F. Benjamin, for the success of the play, is exemplified and the great anxiety of the public mind will be appeased shortly by, an invitation to a few of them to witness our last general rehearsal.

Yours Respectfully,
W. C. Chase.

Union Bethel School.

MR. EDITOR:

I desire a brief space in your paper to correct, if possible, the erroneous impression created by the editorial article in your issue of last Saturday, relative to the late election of Superintendent of Union Bethel School, The impression created by this article is that Mr. Peel is unfit for the position, and that in his selection the teachers have (perhaps) committed a blunder and thus rendered the success of the school doubtful.

Allow me to suggest that thirteen years constant labor in the Sunday School has proved to the able and intelligent teachers of the school his eminent fitness for the position. A part of the time he occupied the position of Superintendent, and the school was then in as prosperous a condition proportionately as it is now, and during the whole thirteen years the school has had no more faithful or successful teacher than Mr. P. Much of the present success is due to efforts of Mr. Peel.

Mr. Wright has also been Supt. and while he undoubtedly possesses the qualities you name, I think that neither Mr. W. nor any of his friends for him will assert that he possesses them in so great a degree as to overshadow or obliterate the same and other characteristics possessed by Mr. P. and render him unfit for the position.

Something more than scholarly attainments or linguistic ability is needed to make a good Supt. and recognizing this fact, the teachers who include in their number ladies and gentlemen of undoubted ability and judgment, have elected to the position the one seeming to them best fitted to fill it.

I think "outsiders," (of whom I myself am one) may safely rely on the wisdom of their selection, and if any doubt remain it is but necessary for the "outsiders" to visit the school during Mr. P's superindency to have it satisfactorily removed.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
LEWIS A. FREEMAN,
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["We did not mean to say that Mr. P. was no faithful or constant, neither did we reflect upon the purpose of the teachers in electing him. We maintained then and we reiterate it, that ability to teach is an essential of a Superintendent. We do not know that any one claims that Mr. P. equals Mr. W. in this regard or pretends that he surpasses him in other respects. We understand that the officers have since elected Miss Mattie Bowen as *teacher* of the lessons. It this means anything it is a confession of judgment. Since our correspondent is an outsider, perhaps he may not reflect the opinion of all outsiders or of many insiders in this regard. It is but simple truth to say that although Bethel School is one of the most flourishing in this community, it is a pity that more attention has not been paid to a systematic study of the International Lessons for which the school pays more than thirty dollars annually. Either they ought to give up the lessons or get a Superintendent who can and will see that the lessons are thoroughly learned. In this respect Union Bethel School is far behind he Salem Baptist which is nothing but a misssonary school."] [ED.

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No. 48. NASTURTIUM.

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No. 50. PRIZE CHARADE.

While walking along a crowded street,
A ragged urchin my glance did meet,
Who began with many a grin and smile,
My first and third quite odd and wild,
And so he continued till a man passed by
With a basket on his arm,
Its contents charmed the urchins eye,
Who abstracted a second without alarm,
And retreated to an open lot
Where the whole of his theft he got,
Then departed feeling cheerful within,
Unmindful of his erring sin.

For first correct solution, a chromo.

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No. 51. REVERSIBLE DIAMOND.
(Respectfully inscribed to J. L. H. Smith)

In Baltimore, a fish, a flat surface, an eastern city, in Baltimore.

The above puzzle reads backwards, forward, down and up and has but three different letters. It also contains a reversible square thus, a fish, a famous woman, a noted general.

For first correct solution, a periodical.

Balt., Md. RANDOLPH.

[For another puzzle like this, a subscription to ADVOCATE for three months.—ED.]

No. 52. PRIZE CROSS WORD.

In slav not in pipe,
In ball not in type,
In lap not in rue,
In house not in true,
In ride not in tack,
In life not in rack,
In hold not in time,
In lake not in rhyme,
In thief not in rag,
In hog not in bag,
In rust not in all.
My whole is a fruit.

For first correct solution, a piece of sheet music.

Phila., Pa. ALEXIS.

No. 53. CONCEALED SQUARE.

In abolitionist you'll find my first,
In indisputable my second did burst,
In liquidate my third abides,
And in resuscitate my last hides.

For first correct answer, a paper.

Champlain N. Y. M. PIRE.

No. 54. ENIGMA.

I live the world over,
Without limit or bound,
But oft when you seek me,
'Tis seldom I'm found;
By some I'm called fickle,
By others perverse,
But those who condemn me,
Oft want me the most.

A library for first correct answer.

Phila., Pa. BERTHA BELL.

No 55. NUMERICAL ENIGMA.

My 6, 8 is a preposition,
My 5, 6, 8 is a weight
My 5, 2, 1 is a toy,
My 3, 2, 7 is to impel,
My 4, 8, 2, 5 is joint,
My whole of 8 letters is a historical name.

For first correct solution, a picture.

Phila. Pa. C. WELL.

No. 56. PRIZE CROSS WORD.

In plug not in cork
In binder not in balk,
In purse not in book,
In straight not in crook,
In dose not in face,
In box not not in case,
In drop not in four,
In little not in more,
In heron not in fowl,
In saucer not in bowl,
In breaks not in dents,
My whole is an order of insects.

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